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Hybrid electric, flexible fuels, E85, biodiesel – all these new terms, and many more, to digest before shopping for a new vehicle. But help is just a phone call away.

By calling the Idaho Energy Hotline, 1-800-334-SAVE, consumers can receive a free copy of the *2005 Fuel Economy Guide*, a non-bias booklet published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

With so many styles of vehicles and types of fuel, consumers will find this handy 21-page booklet an excellent source of information to help select just the right vehicle.

The first four pages explain how to use the guide. Within each section of the guide, vehicles are organized by class, and then listed by manufacturer and model.

Different characteristics, such as transmission type and engine size, are listed, and the most fuel-efficient automatic and manual vehicles per class are listed in green boldface type and highlighted with a gray bar.

Additional information includes estimated miles per gallon for each vehicle in city and highway driving. An index on the last two pages shows interior passenger and cargo volumes in cubic feet.

Besides standard vehicles, the guide lists pickup trucks, vans, mini-vans and sport utility vehicles. Hybrid-electric and flexible-fuel vehicles are also listed on separate pages.

The guide is available at most dealerships and online at www.fueleconomy.gov. Consumers can also request a copy by email at linda.cawley@idwr.idaho.gov.